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Docket No.: 177079/00162

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sears et al.

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For: **ALKYLENE OXIDE MODIFIED  
HARDWOOD CELLULOSE**

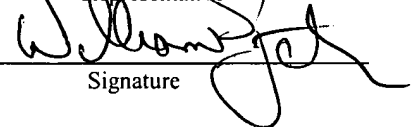
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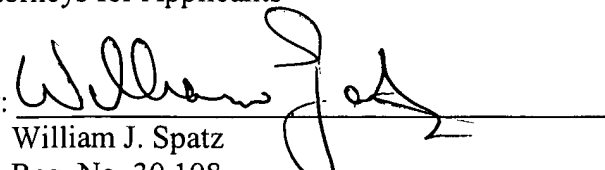
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004 for two (2) months from May 24, 2004 to July 24, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$420 (Fee Code 1252) to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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